

VOICE OF TRINITY

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Life Together: The Second 150 Years!!

Moving Out

Last year in my Annual Report to the parish I encouraged us to look at forming strategic community partnerships as a way to address the dual challenges presented by budgetary pressures and our call to further God's mission. I want to let you know about two initiatives on which we are working.

The first is the exploration with the Boys and Girls Club down the street of moving our Light and Peace program from *our* space to *their* space. When we began Light and Peace over 10 years ago, it was the only program on Asylum Hill that provided a nutritious meal to children in the evening, and included a religious story-telling time and craft time as well. Most of our participants have traditionally come from the Boys and Girls Club. Two years ago, the Club started serving dinner, and since that time the Light and Peace numbers have been steadily declining to about a third of what they once were. One solution would have been to terminate the program. But we had to ask ourselves: What is our goal – to get children to come to Trinity, or to spread the Good News in our community? The answer was obvious. And so for the past month we have been working with the staff at the BGC to bring Light and Peace as an elective

activity down the street, where we will not be competing with our neighbor but bringing the best of both programs together. Strategic partnership #1.

The second initiative involves expanding The Choir School of Hartford out into the community. Over the holidays we submitted a proposal to the West End Civic Association to provide an after-school choral program at the Noah Webster Micro-Community Magnet School. If funded, the program would coordinate again with the Boys and Girls Club in serving Noah Webster students who participate in the after-school tutorial program, along with other Noah Webster students interested in singing. The program will partner with The Hartt School of Music to train music education students in the RSCM Voice for Life program used in the Choir School and involve them as instructors at Noah Webster. The project would complement Noah Webster's already excellent instrumental programs and culminate in a Christmas concert with other Noah Webster students and a final concert here at Trinity. Strategic partnership #2.

These initiatives present exciting possibilities for making a positive impact on our local community while capitalizing on existing resources and expanding community partnerships. This is indeed "good news."

Your brother in Christ,

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The Rev. Donald L. Hamer, Rector



Scheduling Note: Clergy Away

On Wednesday and Thursday, February 3 and 4, our clergy will be away at a diocesan clergy conference. The 7:00 a.m. service on February 3 will therefore be a service of Morning Prayer rather than a Eucharist; breakfast and Bible study will follow as usual. The normally-scheduled Wednesday 12:10 Eucharist will be cancelled on February 3.

Book Group Takes a Poetic Turn

Trinity's Book Group meets next on Friday, February 5, from 7-9 p.m. at the Manchester home of Martha Freimuth and Steve Smith. For a change of pace, at this session each person is invited to bring in a poem to share with the group. (Please bring about eight



copies.) Call Steve and Martha at 860-647-8990 to let them know you're coming!

The March meeting – on Friday, March 12 – will feature *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman. It's a true story, subtitled "A Hmong child, her American doctors, and the collision of two cultures," and is a winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. Helen Hart will host this meeting at her West Hartford home. Please call her at 860-561-4068 if you plan to attend.

All are welcome!

Food Baskets for February

Each Sunday during the month of February, we will be collecting spaghetti sauce for the clients of "A Place of Grace" food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford. As always, your contributions of other food or toiletry items are also welcome. Donations may be placed in the wicker baskets located near the entrances to the church each Sunday.

February 7 Worship To Include Godly Play

On Sunday, February 7, our 10:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist will be a special service including the children of Godly Play. This unique service will bring the art of story-telling to the entire congregation as adults and children alike listen to and wonder together about the story of the good shepherd.

Voice Goes Electronic!

This issue of *The Voice* has been sent out electronically to everyone in the parish for whom the Trinity office has a working e-mail address, and who has not sent in a request to have a paper copy sent through the regular mail. The electronic version is a PDF file which you can read right on your computer monitor, or print out on your home printer. If you have a valid e-mail address and have received a paper *Voice* without having requested it, that means we don't know your correct e-mail address! Please send it along to voice@trinityhartford.org, and we'll send future issues to you electronically.

Evensong Series Resumes February 7

Join the choirs of Trinity Church for our next first-Sunday-of-the-month service of Choral Evensong, which will take place on February 7 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Music for this service will include the familiar Preces and Responses by William Smith, Herbert Sumsion's *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in G*, and a beautiful setting of the *Ave Maria* by Gabriel Fauré.

With the lengthening of the days, this service will take place as the sun is setting on the 7th, the perfect time to enjoy this beautiful service of music and prayer.

Giving Tree Project Grants 80 Christmas Wishes!

Trinity's 2009 Giving Tree was decorated with 80 tags, each with a Christmas wish from a hopeful Hartford child. Our parishioners took all these tags, and very quickly gifts started appearing under the tree! Eighty children were made happy, and our Covenant to Care Social Worker, Lakesha True, is grateful for this very generous outreach from Trinity.

– Susanne Mantel
For the Outreach Team

Directory Updates

Please make the following changes to your 2010 Parish Directory:

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This Is My Story

In conjunction with our yearlong 150th anniversary celebration, The Voice will feature an ongoing series of reminiscences by Trinity parishioners about their personal histories in our parish. This month, we hear from Gloria Cheyney.

My Trinity Family

After I married Ralph and came to America, I left all my English family behind me – my dear mother, brother, sister, uncles, aunts, nephew, niece, cousins, best friend – everyone; yet I found a new caring family at Trinity. There are many people at Trinity who know what I mean, because, like me, they have also come from other countries, leaving their families behind them. We are a band of strangers in a strange land, but we are renewed each Sunday by God’s spirit within each other, for we have each other to turn to, to hug, to listen to, to celebrate with, to laugh and weep with together. We are an international family, come here by chance; yet maybe God brought us to this holy place because we need each other, so perhaps it was not chance that brought us here. Maybe this is why we feel at home at Trinity: we recognize each other as family no matter what our nationality. We celebrate our new babies, we mourn our lost loved ones, and we do this as a caring family without borders. When I first came to Trinity, I found people here from England, Germany, Russia and

New Zealand, and later on there were people from Cambodia, Jamaica, Nigeria, Guyana, Liberia, Haiti and Myanmar to welcome and celebrate. Not only does Trinity have open doors, but it has a congregation with open arms, hearts and minds.

– Gloria Cheyney

Did You Know?

- In December 1959 Trinity issued the “Trinity Cookbook,” which cost \$1.25.
- In 1929 Trinity purchased the house at 134 Sigourney Street and remodeled it for the church school and staff apartments. By 1962 it was in poor condition and was torn down. Its location is now part of the Memorial Garden.
- The portrait of the Reverend Francis Goodwin hanging in Goodwin Hall was painted by Charles Noel Flagg in 1899. The painting was given to Trinity by Goodwin’s grandchildren.
- It cost just \$3.25 per plate to attend Trinity’s 100th anniversary dinner at the Hartford Club held January 11, 1960.

Health-Related MDGs Focus for February, March

In keeping with the plan to tie our 150th Anniversary celebration to the eight Millennium Development Goals formulated by the United Nations and supported by the Episcopal Church, the Health Goals will be featured at the Adult Formation Sunday Symposium sessions following many of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday services in February and March.

To begin the exploration, we will focus on the social determinants of health. We will highlight the connection of these to health care and services, and ultimately to health status. We will apply these concepts to Maternal and Child Health (MDGs 4 and 5, “Reduce child mortality” and “Improve maternal health”) during February.

In March, we will look at infectious disease in relation to MDG 6 (“Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases”) and, more personally, feature a Health Fair on March 21. The Health Fair will include information on a variety of issues such as nutrition, weight management, chronic diseases (e.g. heart disease, cancer, diabetes). We are making arrangements to offer some screenings, such as for high blood pressure.

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Adult Christian Formation Activities for February

As part of our 150th Anniversary focus on achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, the Sunday Symposia for February will focus on Maternal and Child Health issues. The emphasis will be on how these issues affect us and on what our Christian response might be.

Sunday, February 14: Our session on February 14 will explore the ways that disparities in the availability of good health care affect each of us in our communities and society as a whole. We will view a short video which will spotlight the issues facing us today, and then engage in a discussion led by Nancy Berger and a representative from the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Sunday, February 21: Today we depart from the health focus to discuss Trinity’s 2010 budget as a statement of our mission. Join our Treasurer, Jack Pearson, and Rector Don Hamer as we walk through how Trinity’s mission dollars are allocated to further God’s mission in our community and the world.

Sunday, February 28: This Sunday focuses specifically on how we can promote the health of families with children, exploring current issues, chronic health problems of children and how these affect school performance, social development and the health of our communities as a whole.

February

Melanie Nicolini	1
Liz Kirkpatrick	2
Courage Smith	2
Hyacinth Miller	4
Keara Foldvary	4
Cheryl Russo	5
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Olivia Mogor	8
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Ginny Catanzaro	12
Kim Litsey	12
Judy Miller	13
Bill Knorr	15
Jim English	15
Rosa Margeson	17
Gale Shepard	17
Clyde Jansing	18
Marc Miller	18
Brian Hentz	18
Emma Santangelo	18
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Keith Hook	23
Jerry Blissett	24
Mary Register	25
Althea Francis	25
Jane Zoufaly Reik	25
Zariah Eaddy	25
Evan Holmes	26
Laquisha Springer	26
Alice Turcotte	26
Katie Reynolds	27
Brandon Gonzalez	27
Alison Mafko	27
Andrew Mafko	27
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Catherine Brown	28

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:
 Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
 Evensong: 1st Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (October-June)

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
 The Reverend Barbara K. Briggs, Assistant Rector
 The Reverend Ronald J. Kolanowski, Assistant Rector
 The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, Priest Associate
 The Reverend Helen M. Moore, Priest Associate
 The Reverend Patricia Jackson, Deacon
 The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus
 The Reverend Dr. Robert S. Henderson, Pastoral Counselor

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If you have a February birthday not listed above, please call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204.

What Happened in February Long Ago?

Forty-some Years Ago

On February 10, 1963, Mrs. Spencer Goodwin gave Trinity the gift of an oil painting, “Virgin in Glory with Saints and Angels,” which was hung prominently in Trinity Church’s Fireplace Room (called the Library today). The painting was thought to have been done in the 16th century by the Italian artist known as Garofalo, though contemporary connoisseurship does not confirm this.

The funeral of Malcolm Van Zandt was held on February 6, 1968. Born in 1884, his first job was a telegrapher with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He followed this with a long career as a priest and was the rector of Trinity Church in Portland at the time of his retirement. Rather than take up golf or laze around – what did he do? He came to Trinity Church and served as pastoral assistant for fifteen years. The Rev. Van Zandt was described as “fairly glowing with good will and friendship and much loved by the congregation.” There is a stained glass window honoring his memory in the sacristy which was dedicated in May 1970.

As named by Ralph Cheyney, the (K)Naves first appeared at Trinity in February 1971. Since 1960, a group had been presenting dramatic liturgies, assisting with pageants and

the like under the un-imaginative sobriquets of Drama Workshop/ Drama Group. Finally they had a proper name!

Each month during our 150th anniversary year, Karin Peterson will write about events at Trinity Church that took place during that same month in years gone by. Look for Karin’s “Did you know?” facts about our parish she has turned up in her studies of Trinity’s archives (several are printed directly below).

Did you know?

■ In 1969 the convent which stood between the Catholic cathedral and Trinity’s parking lot was torn down. It had been the home for nuns who taught in the parochial school on Asylum Avenue.

■ The envelope system for weekly offerings started Easter 1894.

■ As a child, James Shea, Jr. attended Trinity Church. He and his family moved so that he could continue his athletic training – he won a gold medal in the 2002 Winter Olympics in the men’s “skeleton” event. His father and grandfather were also Olympians; his grandfather won two gold medals in speed skating.

MDG Health-related Goals

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During the exploration of the health goals and specific topics, we would like to consider the possibility of developing ministries related to one or more of the Millennium Development Goal areas.

Finally, we will share some scholarly work that has been done on the gospel references to health.

We hope these sessions will be informative, interesting, and inspiring to all.

If you have any comments you would like to pass along, or if you would like to assist – especially with the health fair – please contact any member of the planning team listed below.

For the schedule of adult Sunday Symposium sessions for February and the topic and details of each week’s session, please turn to the Adult Formation listing found on Page 4.

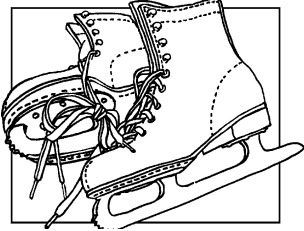
Nancy Berger
Debbie Hamer
Don Hamer
Percy Williamson

Did you know?

■ In 1959 Trinity purchased a two family house on Farmington Avenue which was torn down to create the present parking lot.

JTA Invited To Show Off Skating Skills

Young people in our JTA program – grades 7-12 – are invited to enjoy a pizza supper followed by an



evening of ice skating on Saturday, February 13. Pizza will be served at the church at 6:00

p.m.; the group will then head off to their skating party, returning to the church at 10:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact Nancy Berger at 860-232-1022 or nancymph@aol.com. Anyone in grades 7-12 is welcome to join in; don't worry if your skating skills are not up to those being demonstrated at the winter Olympics!

Vestry Notes to the Parish

There was no regularly scheduled Vestry business meeting in January. At its December meeting, the Vestry voted to follow a recommendation of the 2007 Futuring Conference and hold regular business meetings in the months of February, April, June, September, November and December 2010, and to dedicate the intervening months to some type of enrichment or educational activity. On January 24 the Vestry will join Bishop Andrew Smith for a tour of Diocesan House, including the Diocesan Archives, which hold a rich store of diocesan and parish history. The Vestry's next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:15 p.m. in the Library.

20s and 30s Head for Ski Slopes

Trinity's 20s and 30s group gathers monthly for fun and fellowship. This month the group will go skiing and/or riding together at Ski Sundown in New Hartford. Depending on weather and conditions, this group will either go night skiing on Thursday, February 11, between 6 and 10 p.m., or head out on Sunday after church for four hours from whenever they get there on Sunday, February 21.

The cost of a lift tickets for night skiing is \$34.00. A four-hour lift ticket on Sunday is \$47. If you need to rent equipment, night rental is \$35; from 6-10 p.m., four-hour rental is the same.

Please speak with Marsha McCurdy, Kevin Chick or Kate Lindsay to let them know if we should expect you. If you wish to be included in the e-mail list-serve, please send an e-mail to the Rev. Barbara Briggs at bbriggs@trinityhartford.org.

Godly Play in February

Children ages three through sixth grade gather for story-telling, wondering together, and responding to the story through art. Each session concludes with a symbolic feast and a time for prayer and saying good-bye. Group I is for children ages three through second grade. Group II is for those in grades 3-6.

February 7	Godly Play in Church: Parable of the good Shepherd
February 14	Group I "St. Valentine" Group II "Parable of the Leaven"
February 21	Group I "Elijah" Group II "The Mystery of Easter"
February 28	Group I "Isaiah" Group II "Faces of Easter I and II"

CVCO To Offer Valentine's Day Concert

The Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra will continue its 2009-2010 season of concerts at Trinity Church with a 3:00 p.m. performance on Sunday, February 14. The program will include Britten's *Simple Symphony*, Stravinsky's *Symphony of Wind Instruments*, and Copland's *Rodeo*. Christopher Hisey, Music Director for the CVCO, will conduct. Tickets for this concert will be available at the door on the 14th for \$15.00 (\$12.00 for students and seniors, with children under 12 admitted free of charge).

Voice Deadline

February 11 is the deadline for the next issue of *The Voice*, which will cover events coming up in March. Please send all materials for this issue to voice@trinityhartford.org. Articles may also be delivered to the parish office; the deadline for all articles for this issue is 4:00 p.m. on the 11th.

Ash Wednesday Offering To Benefit Earthquake Survivors

Our special Ash Wednesday offering for 2010 will be sent to the Haiti Fund established by the Episcopal Relief & Development agency to aid victims of the January 12 earthquake. ER & D has already disbursed emergency funding for its program partner, the Diocese of Haiti, to help meet earthquake survivors' immediate needs for food, water and shelter. The agency is also helping to support post-earthquake recovery and rebuilding efforts, and is partnering with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic to care for refugees and coordinate relief efforts administered from the border areas. In addition, ER & D has partnered with IMA World Health, a non-profit organization providing medical assistance and supplies in and around Port-au-Prince. Our Ash Wednesday offering, added to the funds we have already collected for Haitian relief, will go to support all these projects.

If you receive a paper copy of *The Voice*, you will find a special Ash Wednesday offering envelope enclosed with this issue. If you receive your *Voice* electronically, please bring your Ash Wednesday offering to church or mail it to the parish office (Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06105). Extra Ash Wednesday envelopes are available on the literature tables in the narthex and Goodwin Hall. Checks should be made out to Trinity Church, and earmarked "Ash Wednesday Offering" in the memo space.



Three services of Holy Eucharist will take place at Trinity Church on Ash Wednesday, February 17. The imposition of ashes will be available at each of the services, which will all be held in the church.

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

As is customary on Wednesday mornings, this service will be followed by a light breakfast and Bible study for those who can stay on.

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and hymns

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and music by the Trinity Choir and the Choir School of Hartford

Early Christian Art As Text – A Five-Week Lenten Series

Early Christian communities expressed their religious ethos in the art they produced as well as in the texts they wrote, using a range of iconographic representations drawn from various cultural milieux. Patricia Byrne, CSJ, noted theologian and historian and Professor of Religious Studies at Trinity College, became fascinated with that art and devised a course examining its development as an alternate form of theology. We are very pleased to announce that she will present this course at Trinity Church as the first four weeks of our Wednesday evening Lenten soup supper series for 2010. For week five of this year's series, our own Kim Litsey, an iconographer herself, will bring a perspective on "writing" icons. Specific dates and topics are as follows:

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| February 24 | Christian Art of the First Three Centuries |
| March 3 | Christian Art after Constantine |
| March 10 | Early Byzantine Art |
| March 17 | Coptic and Hiberno-Saxon Insular Art |
| March 24 | Kim Litsey on the Art of Writing Icons |

Each session will start with a light supper featuring delicious homemade soup at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude by 7:30 p.m. All sessions will take place in the Library.

Please reserve your seat by calling the office (860-527-8133). A \$5 weekly donation will help offset expenses.

Two To Be Admitted to Candidacy for Baptism

The Catechumenate is an ancient word from the early Church designating a period of preparation for those who intend to



be baptized at this year's Easter Vigil. We are rediscovering its meaning this year as two adults from our parish community go

through the process of preparing for baptism. Please keep Marsha McCurdy and Jonathan Reik in your prayers as they meet weekly throughout the year to pray and study in preparation for their baptism.

On February 21, the first Sunday in Lent, we will admit Marsha and Jonathan as Candidates for Baptism during a special prayer at the 10:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist. On each of the subsequent Sundays in Lent, we will mention them especially in our prayers as they continue to prepare for baptism at the Vigil service on Saturday, April 3. This time of preparation, prayer and study has been a blessing to leaders and mentors alike.

If you haven't yet had a chance to meet either or both of our catechumens, please ask to be introduced. We are all being enriched by this unique time of formation in the life of the church, and will be all the more so when we can know each other better.

If you or someone you know is an adult interested in being baptized next year, please contact a member of the clergy.

Lenten Mite Box Project To Aid Ramallah School

As a follow up to last November's showing of the movie on the schools of the Diocese of Jerusalem, the Outreach Team is promoting a Lenten mite box program. In accordance with a request from The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), funds collected in the mite boxes will go to the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School in Ramallah.

What a long name for a school! Well, here's the history: The original school for girls and adjacent home for orphaned children in Ramallah was founded in 1954 by two Emmanuel Sisters (Episcopalian) from Wales and a third American sister, Mary Jeanne Grupp. (Mary Jeanne, now retired, lives in Wales; her nephew is treasurer of AFEDJ.) The Ramallah school affiliated with the Arab Episcopal School of Jerusalem in 1957. It has grown over the years and now is a co-ed K-12 school for over 700 students, operated under the guidance of the Diocese of Jerusalem. It is a highly respected school, serving both Christian and Muslim children, and not only excels in academics for its students, but promotes the qualities of leadership and reconciliation.

Our challenge is to raise money for a learning disabilities program, which the school currently lacks. At present, 30 students need to be evaluated and a new program implemented. \$150 per child will get this started. Wouldn't it be great if Trinity could raise enough for at least five children to begin this program? That would be a total of \$750. Mite boxes will be

given out in church beginning Sunday, February 14, and will also be available in the church office. The mite boxes we will be distributing during Lent are smaller than the boxes we have distributed for our Advent collections in recent years, so if you fill one up, take another! There will also be a Lenten calendar to go with the mite boxes.

AFEDJ thanks you for your support of the children of the Diocese of Jerusalem. It tells those who live in this area that we care and have not forgotten them.

– Kate Smith, Outreach Team
AFEDJ VP

Rector Emeritus To Be Heard But Not Seen In (K)Naves Production

The Trinity Church (K)Naves wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and suggest you plan on taking your sweetheart to their mammoth April 23, 24 and 25 dinner theater production of *The Skin of Our Teeth* by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thornton Wilder. Rehearsals started in January and are going gang-busters under the direction of Gloria Cheyney.

Although our Rector Emeritus, the Reverend William J. Eakins, a distinguished and longtime (K)Nave, will be out of the country for the April performance dates, our drama group is happy to announce that by the miracle of modern technology, he is still taking part in the production! Don't forget to keep those dates and bring your sweethearts, family and friends!

Diocese To Honor Bishop Smith at February 28 Celebration at Trinity Church

As Bishop Andrew Smith retires as Connecticut's 14th bishop, you are invited to join in as the Diocese of Connecticut gathers to celebrate



Bishop Smith's ministry from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 28. We are honored that the party will take place at

Trinity Church, Hartford, where Bp. Smith began his years of ordained ministry.

The evening will begin with a brief worship service at 4:00 p.m. The service will be followed by a buffet dinner of ethnic foods and desserts, along with nonalcoholic beverages.. A jazz band will play throughout the evening. All ages are welcome! Childcare for infants and toddlers, plus activities for older children, will be provided. Parking will be available in Trinity's lot, as well as in the parking lot of the Cathedral of St. Joseph (enter from Asylum Avenue).

The event is free of charge, but an RSVP by Friday, January 29, is requested from anyone who plans to attend. If you would like to be a part of the celebration, please go to ctdiocese.org and click on the "RSVP Page" link on the home page. Questions about the party? Send an e-mail to sandy.stayner@stpeterscheshire.org.

A scrapbook of photos, letters and recollections will be presented to

Bp. Smith at the celebration on the 28th, which will also feature a slide show of photos. If you have photos or memories to share, please send them by February 1 via mail or e-mail (photos sent electronically should be in a jpg format) to the Reverend Molly James, St. John's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 422, Essex, CT 06426 or associate@stjohnsessex.org. Items should be sent in by February 1. Please send copies only of any photographs, as these will not be returned.

Everyone is also invited to contribute to a fund set up to recognize the ministry of Bishop Smith on the occasion of his retirement as the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut. Contributions will provide continuing support to three ministries that are particularly close to the Bishop's heart:

- Development of a Women's Center in the Diocese of Boga in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- The Bishop's Fund for Children
- The Diocese of Colombia in South America

Contributions may be made by check, payable to Bishop Smith's Retirement Gift and sent to Bishop Smith's Retirement Gift, Diocesan House, 1335 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Please indicate in your memo if you would prefer to have your gift designated for a particular one of the three funds listed above.

CityReach Program Offers Young People Chance To Learn from Homeless

Late in February, Trinity members of high school age (grades 9-12) will be traveling to Boston to be a part of CityReach, an overnight urban outreach program designed to give young people the opportunity to learn firsthand about homelessness. From 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, through the afternoon of Saturday, February 27, Trinity's participants will be in Boston, joining the CityReach staff in their street ministry of offering hospitality, food and clothing, then spending some time in sharing and reflection. The group will sleep in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday night. Back at Trinity, participants will share their experiences during worship on Sunday, February 28.

The cost for the CityReach program is \$60.00 per person; Trinity will cover part of the cost. For further information, please contact Kim Litsey at kimlitsey@gmail.com.

Trinity To Host Chorister Festival in March

On the first weekend of March, Trinity Church will host a Chorister Festival with Vince Edwards, who is the organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Church in Norwalk, as guest conductor. The festival will culminate with the Festival choirs' singing for our regular monthly 5:00 p.m. service of Evensong on Sunday, March 7. This will be an exciting service, so bring your family and invite your friends to come experience these young voices raised in praise.

Highlights from the Outreach Team

For some years now, Trinity Church has been providing scholarships for students from our partner parish in Mbugani, Tabora, Tanzania. In Tanzania, any schooling beyond basic early education, though public, is not free, so the young people we sponsor would not have the funds to go to school without our help. This year we are sponsoring 24 students from five different schools; the average \$275 scholarship provides tuition, books and uniforms for the school year, which in Tanzania runs from January to December. The monies for the scholarships are sent to the Bishop's office, which then sends it to the schools, so we are confident the monies are being used for schooling. Through the generosity of Trinity (individual donations and fundraising) the funds have always been there for these scholarships.

To support our scholarship effort, this past December the Outreach Team sold aprons featuring the Trinity Church logo, at the cost of \$15 (which generated \$8.50 profit per apron). **We thank you for your support and remind you there will be future opportunities to purchase aprons!** See or call Debbie Hamer if you would like to purchase an apron right away.

The Trinity T-shirt sale run by our youth group in November and December also profited approximately \$250 for the scholarship fund. Thank you, Ned Miller and all your assistants! And thank you, Trinity, for your support!

During November, Trinity's outreach activities were highlighted as a part of our 150th anniversary

celebration. In honor of our 150th Anniversary we had a food collection for the Place of Grace Food Pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue. Our goal was 150 boxes of pasta – we **collected 293! THANK YOU!** You have made a difference! (A big thank you goes to Penny Pearson, who delivers the food to the pantry weekly.)

– Debbie Hamer
for the Outreach Team

Dinner & Housing Needed For Visiting Choir

On the evening of Friday, March 12, Trinity Church will host a concert by the Gettysburg College Choir. The choir will be arriving in the afternoon of the 12th, and has asked Trinity to provide dinner at the church for the choir, as well as housing for Friday night. If you can assist with either the dinner or housing (or both!), please contact Bert Landman at blandman@trinityhartford.org, or 860-527-8133, ext. 205.

Save the Date!! The 2010 Bishop's 5K for Kids will take place on Saturday, May 15. Once again, the race will begin in front of Webster Hill School in West Hartford; the starting gun will go off at 9:30 a.m.



"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."

EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 Light & Peace Program 7:00 Adult Formation	2	3 7:00 Morning Prayer, breakfast and Bible study	4 5:30 Annual Appeal Team	5 7:00 Book Group at Steve Smith and Martha Freimuth's	6
7 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist with Godly Play 11:30 Pastoral Care Team 5:00 Choral Evensong	8 6:00 Light & Peace Program 7:00 Adult Formation	9 7:00 Outreach Team	10 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	11 4:00 <i>Voice</i> deadline	12	13 6:00 Youth Night pizza & skating
14 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Church School & JTA 11:30 Sunday Symposium 3:00 CVCO concert	<i>Presidents' Day</i> 15 <i>Holiday</i> 7:00 Adult Formation	16 5:00 Loaves & Fishes crew 7:15 Vestry Meeting	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 17 7:00 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:30 Holy Eucharist with choirs	18	19	20 1:30 Meal preparation for Bushnell Park homeless program
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March 12 *Gettysburg Choir Concert (time TBA)*
March 14 *Time change - Spring ahead!*
March 28 *Palm Sunday*

Calendar of parish events. Check the weekly schedule in the leaflet for additions & changes

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